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L. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION MARCH L, BRANIFF CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE TOLD US THAT BRITISH CALEDONIAN CHAIRMAN ADAM THOMSON HAD TOLD HIM EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT BCAL HAS NO OBJECTION TO BRANIFF'S USING BUDGET AND STANDBY FARES BUT OBJECTS ONLY TO THE LEVEL OF BRANIFF'S PROPOSED GROUP-L00 FARE. PATRICK SHOVELTON, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE U.K. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (UK DOT), WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, GREETED THE CLAIM WITH SKEPTICISM AND REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON HOW SUCH A CHANGE IN BCAL'S STANCE MIGHT AFFECT THE SITUATION. A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, OWEN KEMMIS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE UK DOT, AND CHARLES POWELL, IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR BCAL, TOLD THE CIVAIR ATTACHE THAT THEY THOUGHT THE SPREAD OF LOW FARES TO ADDITIONAL GATEWAYS IS INEVITABLE OVER THE NEXT L8 MONTHS OR SO.

2. TREATMENT OF THE U.S.-U.K. IMPASSE IN THE TIMES, FINANCIAL TIMES, AND LLOYD'S LIST ON MARCH 2 PRESENTED
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THE SITUATION PROMINENTLY AND QUITE ACCURATELY. HOWEVER, A RECURRING THEME WAS THAT THE AMERICANS COULD NOT BE THINKING OF STOPPING BCAL'S OPERATIONS TO HOUSTON BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO BERMUDA 2.

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